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SUBJECT: DECISION BY CABINET ON HEAD OF STATE

1. LOCAL PRESS MAY 19 REPORTS THE PNG CABINET PROPOSES TO
CHANGE THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION SO THAT THE QUEEN WILL BE
CROWNED HEAD OF STATE. IF SHE AGREES SHE WOULD BE REPRESENTED
IN PNG BY A GOVERNOR GENERAL WHO WOULD HAVE NO EXECUTIVE POWERS.

2. THE EARLIER PROPOSAL WAS THAT NOMINATIONS FOR A HEAD OF
STATE WOULD BE VOTED BY THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY WITH THE
HEAD OF STATE RESPONSIBLE TO THE EXECUTIVE AND THE CHIEF
MINISTER.

3. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THE CABINET BELIEVES THAT A MAJORITY
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEANS WILL APPROVE AND WELCOME THE QUEEN AS
HEAD OF STATE, AND THAT CONTINUED TIES WOULD GIVE A SENSE
OF SECURITY TO A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COUNTRY.

4. THE POSITION AND ROLE OF THE HEAD OF STATE WILL BE
EXAMINED IN THREE YEARS AS PART OF THE GENERAL CONSTITUTIONAL
COMMISSION REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION.

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